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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Funaoka, Masamitsu

APPLICATION No.: Not yet Assigned

FILED: July 15, 2003

FOR: **NOVEL LIGNIN DERIVATIVES, MOLDED PRODUCTS USING THE SAME AND PROCESSES FOR MAKING THE SAME**

**Transmittal of Continuation Patent Application
for Filing Under 37 CFR §1.53(b)**

**Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application by inventor: Masamitsu Funaoka, and entitled:

**NOVEL LIGNIN DERIVATIVES, MOLDED PRODUCTS USING THE SAME
AND PROCESSES FOR MAKING THE SAME**

1. Enclosed are:

- ☒ One stamped, self-addressed postcard for PTO datestamp.
- ☒ Certificate of Express Mail.
- ☒ One utility patent application containing text pages 1-44 and
 - ☒ 36 Sheets of drawings.
- ☐ Declaration of Inventorship (unsigned).
- ☐ Sequence listing printout, diskette, and matching declaration.
- ☐ Sheets of formal drawings.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ A new Power of Attorney.

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2. Amendment

- ☐ Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment before calculating the filing fee. It is understood that only amendments reducing the number of claims will be entered for this purpose.
- ☐ Please cancel original claims , inclusive, before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim should be retained for filing purposes.)

3. Extension of Time

- ☐ A petition for extension of time has been filed in the parent to extend the pendency of the parent to (copy enclosed).
- ☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing if required to establish copendency with the parent after all papers filed herewith have been considered.

4. U.S. Priority

- ☒ This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/508,592 filed June 5, 2000, which claims the benefit of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP97/03240, filed September 12, 1997, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein in their entirety.

5. Foreign Priority

- ☒ Priority of Application No. PCT/JP97/03240 filed September 12, 1997 is claimed under 35 USC §371.
- ☐ A certified copy of this priority document is enclosed.

6. Prior Documents Still In Effect

- ☐ This application and parent application, Application No. «SerialNo», filed «FileDate» are assigned of record to , as recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel and Frame .
- ☐ Power of Attorney in the above-identified prior application is to , Reg. No. , and the other attorneys or agents identified therein.

7. Entity Status

- ☐ Large entity status applies to this application.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27

8. Fees


The filing fee has been calculated taking into account any amendments in section 2 above:

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Basic Fee				\$375.00	or		\$750.00
Total Claims	- 20		x \$ 9 =	\$	or	x \$ 18 =	\$
Independent Claims	- 3		x \$42 =	\$	or	x \$ 84 =	\$
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- ☒ ***Filing fee to be submitted in response to anticipated receipt of Notice to File Missing Parts. DO NOT CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.**

Respectfully submitted,

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